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WICHITA, KANSAS: AUGUST 2, 1903.

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NECESSITATEDKelley Explains About Higher  
Rate of Taxation.

## LEGISLATURE TO BLAME

Appropriations Made Are the  
Heaviest Ever Known.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 1.—State Treasurer Thomas T. Kelly gave out a statement yesterday which explains why it was necessary for the state board of equalization to raise the rate of taxation to six and four-tenths mills. Mr. Kelly's figures show that the appropriations made by the last legislature are the heaviest ever known, the total for the year 1904 being \$2,373,228.70. To this must be added extra expenditures for the year 1903, amounting to \$202,929.54. The levy of 1904 must therefore be sufficient to take care of the legislature appropriations amounting to \$2,576,158.24. Not only was the rate of taxation increased, but in many counties the valuation was increased. The rate is the highest since 1875, when it was 5 mills.

## BRAKES ON KINSLEY.

Railroad Proposition Doesn't Materialize as Planned.

Kinsley, Kan., Aug. 1.—The proposition brought up before the business men of this city to build a railroad from Preston, in Pratt county, to this city, has come to nothing as yet. The man who was to make the railroad a "go" failed to appear this week at a meeting arranged by the business men and him. The promoter's name is C. J. Coyer, said to have had some connection with starting the interurban agitation at Wichita. At the last meeting of the Kinsley business men, a committee of five was appointed to meet Mr. Coyer in conjunction with the city officers and township board to reduce the proposition to writing for action by the citizens of the city and township. Messrs. DeFarr, Watson, Evans, Dyer and Long were appointed on the committee. It was agreed that the meeting should be held on Tuesday, at which time Mr. Coyer stated that he could again be in the city. Mr. Baxter stated that an examination of the treasurer's accounts showed that the city could vote \$5,000 in bonds and still be within the legal limit. In discussing the question of building the road to this point Mr. Coyer said it was up to the people here, as the line would be built here if we wanted it and if not to Dodge City.

Nothing has been heard of him since his departure.

## SUSPECT A GANG.

Horses Have Disappeared, Which Surprised Caldwell People.

Caldwell, Kan., Aug. 1.—Last Sunday night J. U. Shade's buggy and harness were stolen out of his barn at his residence, and Harry Quick's carriage, horse and Monday morning and the telephone and telegraph offices were used to notify surrounding towns in the state and the strip. As far as could be ascertained it was proven that the horse had gone across the Rock Island tracks and then south. Marshal Wannenwetsch and E. H. Kelpatrick drove down to Deer Creek but failed to find the stolen property. It seems surprising that the thief or thieves could get away so completely, considering the whole country for miles around had been alarmed, says the News. It is stated that there are grounds to believe that a gang exists in the territory to aid in secreting stolen property.

## WILL DRILL MONDAY.

On the Fair Grounds Attempt Will Be Made to Find Gas.

Winfield, Kan., Aug. 1.—H. S. Huxelton has informed Mayor Johnson that he will commence drilling the gas well on the fair grounds Monday. Everything will be in readiness for the work at that time. The derrick has been here for several weeks, and the drill has been here for some time, but there has been a delay on account of the loss of some parts of the drill. The work when commenced will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible. The well will be sunk to a depth of 2,000 feet, if necessary.

## MISSOURI PACIFIC PAYS.

Is Settling Damages Resulting From the Wreck at Hutchinson.

Hutchinson, Kan., Aug. 1.—The people who were injured in the recent accident at the crossing west of town are being settled with by the railroad company, the Missouri Pacific people paying all the bills. It is understood that the injured people have no claim whatever against the Santa Fe company, but must look to the Missouri Pacific road to make good for any injuries received.

One of the injured, who has been settled with by the company, said today that he was not at liberty to tell the amount paid him, as the company had requested that he should not. This gentleman said that the company had settled with all the injured, with three exceptions, and these three were injured more than the others. None of the people are saying how the settlement was effected or if the full amount of their claim against the company was allowed.

## WILSON GETTING STRONGER.

Two Young Ladies Said to Have Seen Him on Train.

Wellington, Kan., Aug. 1.—The reports from Belle Plaine today are to the effect that Emma Wilson had a good night last night and slept soundly. He took some nourishment and seemed much stronger this morning. No action by the prosecution has yet been taken but is looked for as soon as, if ever, he becomes right minded again. It is now claimed that two young ladies of Belle Plaine, who were on the Santa Fe Wednesday morning, the train which leaves here for Wichita at 7:30, saw Wilson on that train and that he went

into Belle Plaine from Wellington at 8 o'clock that morning. He may have come in from Kansas City to Wellington over the Southern Kansas, getting here Tuesday night and going up to Belle Plaine Wednesday morning. But men who have come over the road to Wellington from Clarksburg say that the distance cannot be covered so quickly. It seems more probable that the young ladies are mistaken about seeing him.

It is quite apparent that Wilson changed his plans after writing the letter to his wife on July 3 at Topeka. When he placed his hat and coat under the bridge at the capital, he undoubtedly intended to disappear and stay away. When he changed his mind and decided to come home will probably never be known to the public.

## WERE "FOOT RACERS."

Webb City, Mo., Graft Doesn't Work at Medicine Lodge.

Medicine Lodge, Kan., Aug. 1.—M. P. Gannell and George Decker, El Paso, Texas, are two names that appear on the Grand hotel register of last Thursday. There is nothing extraordinary about the inscriptions, but later developments surrounded the autographs of the two individuals with considerable interest.

George Decker turned out to be George Kemp, who used to live here, and just why he should register under an assumed name in a town where he is well known is not yet apparent. It turned out that their alleged graft was the old foot-racing scheme which has got so many into trouble over at Webb City, Mo. They knew where a race could be matched away out in Montana where a mint of money could be won. It was an absolute cinch and all you had to do was to put up a few hundred dollars as an evidence of good faith to share in the big profits. The people out in Montana were crazy to back their man up to \$20,000 or \$40,000, and their man was willing to throw the race and share the wealth with Gannell, Kemp (alias Decker) and some man from Medicine Lodge who could deposit \$2,000 or \$4,000 in a Montana bank just to show good faith. And they claimed to have letters to prove all this, but we have not heard of any one here who saw the letters.

Gannell was the man who was to run the race with the Montana sprinter. This made it a double cinch. Notwithstanding these assurances they caught no one so far as is known. Victims have been fleeced out of thousands of dollars by this scheme over at Webb City, Mo. It is more reprehensible than knocking a man down from behind and robbing his pockets. Two of the Missouri grafters are serving terms in the penitentiary, and others have been indicted by the United States grand jury.

## PETITION FOR HIS PARDON.

Mother of Talbot Hamlin Circulates Petition in Barber.

Kiowa, Kan., Aug. 1.—Mrs. Hamlin, mother of Talbot Hamlin, the young fellow convicted in the Barber county district court of committing an outrageous crime and now serving his sentence in the penitentiary, is circulating a petition to have her son pardoned by the governor, and is getting many to sign her paper. The community deeply sympathizes with the aged parents of the convict, but public sentiment is that young Hamlin does not deserve any sympathy and fully deserves the punishment assigned him.

## Dayoff Is Returning.

Hutchinson, Kan., Aug. 1.—Souvenir postal cards from Superintendent Dayhoff, dated at Kingston, Jamaica, July 31, have been received here. Mr. and Mrs. Dayhoff now are on their way home on the steamer Admiral Dewey.

## Elevator Burned.

Kingman, Kan., Aug. 1.—Cheatum's elevator and 3,000 bushels of wheat were consumed by fire at Cleveland, this county, Thursday night.

## Couldn't Catch Up.

Conway Springs, Kan., Aug. 1.—The entire working force at the depot resigned one day last week because they were behind with the work, couldn't catch up, and the powers that be would not allow them any more help. The two operators quit Tuesday and new men were sent here to take their places. Agent Ralph Selie quit Wednesday.

## Applied for Charter.

Kingman, Kan., Aug. 1.—The new park association is assuming definite form, and has applied for the necessary charter under which they expect to operate. At a meeting held Tuesday morning seven directors were elected for charter purposes, and the necessary formal application was made to the secretary of state for a charter.

## Took an Engine Belt.

Wellington, Kan., Aug. 1.—A warrant has been issued for C. N. Peck charging him with stealing an engine belt from C. T. Jones. Jones runs a threshing engine and Peck worked for him without getting his pay. He says he took the belt to hold for his wages.

## Augusta May Start Over.

Augusta, Kan., Aug. 1.—The work at the prospect hole is now at a standstill. A meeting of the directors and drillers was held this week and there was some discussion of a new contract. The drillers to go down 2,000 feet if necessary. No definite action was decided on, however.

## Big Hall in Meade.

Meade, Kan., Aug. 1.—It is reported from the country around Meade that the recent rains were accompanied by a big hail downpour which damaged the feed crop considerably.

## Maurer, Not Moyer.

Wellington, Kan., Aug. 1.—The report that J. Moyer, a farmer living north of Milan was found dead was incorrect. The person found was Jacob Maurer.

## Against Sunday Baseball.

Medicine Lodge, Kan., Aug. 1.—This last week at the union church services an opposition vote to Sunday baseball games was taken. It is conceded that tennis can prohibit Sunday baseball within the corporate limits, and it is talked that an effort will be made to see if the law will reach games outside city limits. The advocates of Sunday ball claim that the law does not extend to Sunday ball games anywhere except where specially prohibited by city ordinance.

## Atchison, Kan., Aug. 1.—James Russell,

of Kansas, Mo., has been appointed superintendent of the Kansas City, Omaha and Central branch of the Missouri Pacific railway in Northern Kansas, to succeed H. G. Clark, resigned. Russell formerly was a superintendent on the Great Northern.

LAW GOVERNING  
FERTILIZERSSecretary Coburn Issues a  
Copy of the Same.

## IT MUST BE OBSERVED

Label Stating Ingredients One  
Important Factor.

Topeka, Kan., August 1.—In order that a law enacted by the Kansas legislature at its recent session regarding the manufacture and sale of commercial fertilizers may be brought to the attention of manufacturers and those holding these commodities in Kansas, Secretary F. D. Coburn has issued the following copy of the law from his office:

To Whom It May Concern: The following is a law enacted by the Kansas legislature at its 1903 session, regulating the manufacture and sale of commercial fertilizers and became effective and in force upon its publication in the statute book, June 1, 1903.

Section 1. Any person or company who shall offer, sell or expose for sale in this state any commercial fertilizer shall affix to every package, in a conspicuous place on the outside thereof, a plainly printed certificate stating the number of net pounds in the package sold or offered for sale, the name of the trade-mark under which the article is sold, the name of the manufacturer and place of manufacture and a chemical analysis stating the percentage of nitrogen or its equivalent in ammonia, in an available form, of potash soluble in water and of phosphoric acid in an available form (soluble or reverted) as well as the total phosphoric acid.

Section 2. Before any commercial fertilizer is sold or offered for sale, the manufacturer, importer or party who causes it to be sold or offered for sale within the state of Kansas shall file with the secretary of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture a certified copy of the certificate referred to in section 1 of this act, and shall deposit with said secretary a sealed glass jar containing not less than one pound of the fertilizer, accompanied with an affidavit that it is a fair average sample.

Section 3. The manufacturer, importer or agent of any commercial fertilizer shall pay annually, on or before the 1st day of May, a license of twenty dollars on each brand for the privilege of selling or offering for sale within the state, and fee to be paid to the secretary of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture; provided, that whenever the manufacturer or importer shall have paid the license fee herein required for any person acting as agent for such manufacturer or importer, such agent shall not be required to pay the fee named in this section.

Section 4. All analysis of commercial fertilizers sold within the state shall be made by or under the direction of the secretary of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture and paid out of the funds arising from license fees, as provided for in section 3. At least one analysis of each fertilizer shall be annually made.

Section 5. Said secretary shall publish annually a correct report of all analyses made and certificates filed, together with a statement of the moneys received on account of license fees and expended for analyses and any surplus arising from license permits shall be placed to the credit of the agriculture fund.

Section 6. Any person or party who shall offer or expose for sale or sell any commercial fertilizer without complying with the provisions of sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act, or shall permit analysis to be attached to any package of such fertilizer stating that it contains a larger percentage of any one or more of the constituents named in said section 1 than it really does contain, shall be subject to a penalty of not less than two hundred dollars for the first offense and not less than five hundred dollars for every subsequent offense, to be recovered in a civil action and the offender in all cases shall also be liable for damages sustained by the purchasers of such fertilizers; provided, however, that a deficiency of one per cent of the nitrogen, potash or phosphoric acid claimed to be contained shall not be considered as evidence of fraudulent intent.

Section 7. Suit may be brought for the recovery of penalties under the provisions of this act in the district court of the county where the fertilizer was offered for sale or sold, or where the fertilizer was manufactured; and all penalties so recovered shall be paid into the state treasury, to the credit of the general revenue fund.

Section 8. The secretary of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture or any person by him deputized, is hereby empowered to select from any package of commercial fertilizer exposed for sale in any county in Kansas a quantity not exceeding two pounds, which quantity shall be for analysis, to compare with the sample deposited with said secretary, as provided in section 2 of this act, and with the printed certificate found on the given package found on sale.

Section 9. All suits for the recovery of fines under the provisions of this act shall be brought by the secretary of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture in the name of the state of Kansas.

Section 10. Whoever sells, exposes for sale or offers for sale any commercial fertilizer without having complied with the provisions of sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act shall be fined in any sum not exceeding two hundred dollars, or imprisonment not more than thirty days, or both, shall not be a bar to the recovery of the civil penalty by sections 2 and 3 of this act.

Section 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication in the statute-book.

## DISBARMENT PROCEEDINGS.

Wellington Journal Says Burnett

Must Stand Hearing. Wellington, Kan., Aug. 1.—The Journal of last evening says: About two weeks ago Geo. Burnett left Wellington for Los Angeles, Cal., to take a deposition in a lawsuit. The purpose of the deposition

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## Fast Selling of Yesterday Continued

## Monday==Tuesday==Wednesday

## WE HAVE persuaded the owners of this building to grant us several more days in

which to close this stock. Two or three days' selling like yesterday and nothing will be left to tell the story of this S. & M. Store. Besides the enormous amount of merchandise, almost half the fixtures were disposed of yesterday. Several hundred feet of shelving, show cases and counters yet unsold. Come tomorrow.

## EVERYTHING NOW ON LOWER FLOOR

HERE IS A PARTIAL LIST. HUNDREDS OF OTHERS SELLING RAPIDLY.

Marbles, 2 dozen for .....	1c	5c Hooks and Eyes .....	2c	Silk Finish Crochet Cotton, 2c	
Tops, 2 for .....	1c	5c Hair Pins .....	2c	Paper Napkins, hundred, 1c	
Child's Rattles .....	1c	5c Tape .....	2c	Tracing Wheels .....	2c
Meat Forks .....	1c	5c Darning Needles .....	2c	Ink Tablets .....	2c
Drawer Pulls, 2 for .....	1c	5c Needles .....	2c	Pencil Tablets .....	2c
Knob for Tea Pot Lids, 2 for .....	1c	5c Hose Darners .....	2c	Silver Polish .....	2c
Child's Pencil Boxes .....	1c	5c Manicure Pieces .....	2c	Furniture Gimp, yard .....	2c
Bird Cage Springs .....	1c	5c Knitting Cotton .....	2c	Torchon Laces, yard .....	2c
Patty Pans .....	1c	5c Lamp Wicks, dozen .....	2c	Valenciennes Laces, yard .....	2c
Toilet Paper Rack .....	1c	Large Wicks .....	2c	Embroidery, yard .....	2c
Lamp Burners, No. 1 .....	1c	Large Salt Dredges .....	2c	Beading, yard .....	2c
Bath Mitt .....	1c	Butter Paddles .....	2c	Satchel Powder, each .....	2c
Hat Pins, dozen .....	1c	Egg Boilers .....	2c	Collar Tabs, each .....	2c
Crochet Cotton (soiled), 2 for .....	1c	Sponge Rack, wire .....	2c	Everything formerly sold at 7c, 8c, 9c and 10c which we have specially priced at 5c (see counter for assortment), Choice today .....	10c
Darning Cotton (soiled), 2 for .....	1c	Tea Pot Stands .....	2c		
Darning Wool .....	1c	Egg Beaters .....	2c		
Yarn (soiled), for tacking comforts, skein .....	1c	Match Cases .....	2c		
Large Bath Sponges .....	5c	Shawl Straps .....	2c		
Candle Shades, all colors .....	5c	Towel Racks .....	2c		
Vases, assorted colors .....	5c	Stove Lifters .....	2c		
Jug Ornaments .....	5c	Iron Stands .....	2c		
Fire Proof Creamers .....	5c	Can Openers .....	2c		
Extra Quality Envelopes, 2 packages .....	5c	Strap Hinges, each .....	2c		
Box Paper, 10c size, for .....	5c	Screw Hooks and Eyes, doz. 2c			
Ribbon, Nos. 4, 5 and 7, bolt 5c		Ladies' Belts, each .....	2c		
Shawl Straps, 15c value .....	5c	Whisk Brooms .....	2c		
Large Cloth Mops .....	5c	Lunch Baskets .....	2c		
4-foot Oak Curtain Poles .....	5c	Skimmers .....	2c		
Box 3 doz. Candles, box .....	5c	Tooth Pick Holders .....	2c		
		Witch Hazel .....	2c		
		Wool Braid, bolt .....	2c		
		Skirt Binding, yard .....	2c		

ODDS AND ENDS of every kind—Swiss embroidered lace edge and hemstitched (both white and mourning) about 33 dozen in the lot, ranging in value from 16c 25c to 50c. Choice .....	16c
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Counters, Cases, Shelving and Fixtures at Rock Bottom Prices

## At The S. &amp; M. 5 and 10 Cent Store

## LOW RATES

## TO

## =All Resorts=

## VIA

## Round Trips

## On Sale at Different Times During the Summer

## A few important ones

## .. with rates are mentioned ..

Alexander Bay, N.	45.45	For Lake	25.00
Antioch, Ill.	25.00	Genoa Junction	25.00
Baraboo, Wis.	25.00	Glenwood Springs	26.95
Charlevoix, Mich.	29.90	Gray's Lake	25.00
Clear Lake, Iowa	21.15	Ingliside	25.00
Colorado Springs	16.45	Kanawville	25.00
Delavan, Wis.	25.00	Lake Beulah	25.00
Denver, Colo.	17.50	Lake Geneva	25.00
Duluth, Minn.	25.15	Lake Villa	25.00
Deadwood, S. D.	27.30	Long Lake	25.00
Elkhorn	25.00	Los Angeles	45.00
Mackinac Island	31.45	McHenry	25.00
Minneapolis, Minn.	21.15	Saratoga Springs	36.40
Neenah, Wis.	25.00	San Francisco	45.00
Oshkosh, Wis.	25.00	Whiteland	27.15
Pueblo, Colo.	14.95	Rhoboygan	28.00
Pon de Lac, Wis.	25.00	Twin Lakes	25.00
Fontana	25.00	William's Bay	25.00

to three inches above the ground. If the stubble be destroyed by fire, a large part of the pupa will be exterminated. One of the greatest sources of danger comes from the volunteer wheat in the fall. The adult fly hunt places in which to breed in the early fall and usually select the volunteer wheat. If this wheat is kept down, the fly can find no breeding place and is done for.

## FREAKS OF LIGHTNING.

Fortunate Escape From Death by the

Occupants of the House. Arkansas City, Kan., Aug. 1.—Wednesday night at about 8:30 a terrific crash of thunder was heard preceded by a blinding flash of lightning. The lightning struck the home of James Tudhope and almost wrecked the house. The house is a two-story building and the lightning struck the chimney, then ran down into the second story. Here indeed was a story three rooms were badly damaged. The bolt seems to have divided when it left the brick of the chimney, part of it shooting off into the northwest room. Here the windows were broken and the plastering torn and scattered all over the room. A peculiar thing was noticed in this room. The window was covered with a lace curtain and the lightning tore down one of the window casings and drove a corner of the curtain completely through it without burning the lace. A curtain pole was also driven through a wall on the opposite side of the room. Fortunately no one was hurt. One of the daughters was in the kitchen, another in the dining room and the boy was upstairs. Mr. and Mrs. Tudhope were both at neighboring houses. Miss Vera, who was in the dining room, had probably the narrowest escape. She saw the flash and was knocked down, but was not injured in the least beyond being badly frightened.

## BROKE GAS PIPE.

Threshing Machine Man Is Burned

Death on Engine.

Neodesha, Kan., Aug. 1.—Word reached this city today that Wm. Prange, while pulling his threshing machine up the road by the G. K. Sipple farm ran over the gas main which supplies the Grubbs' mine and causing a terrific explosion, and burning Mr. Prange fatally. Dr. Moorehead, who waited upon the patient, entertained no hope for his recovery from the first, but simply endeavored to relieve the man's suffering until the end came, which was at 5 o'clock last evening.

## TO FIGHT HESSIAN FLY.

Practical Means Discussed at Harvey

County Meeting.

Halstead, Kan., Aug. 1.—The Harvey county Farmer's Institute held a big and successful meeting here today. The meeting was of exceptional interest because of the determination of the farmers of this county to exterminate the Hessian fly. At today's meeting fully ways and means were discussed fully. Leslie A. Fitz, the government expert in charge of the station here, gave some very valuable advice along this line and declared that until action on the part of the farmers in this locality would rid the fields of the Hessian fly pest. Mr. Fitz proposes three ways of fighting the insect, any one of which to be successful, must be adopted by all the farmers. The first method is to burn the stubble, plowing up volunteer wheat, and sowing late in the fall. If the first method is used, it must be carried out soon. The fly is now in the flexed or pupa state and is a situated on the stem of the stubble from two

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